(c) The remaining applicants are likely to be given the connections progressively during the 8th plan subject to availability of resources.

**Statement**

*New Telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each Telephone Exchanges in the Capital*

| Name of the Exchange | No. of new Connections Given |
|---|---|
| 1. Badli | 650 |
| 2. Alipur | 200 |
| 3. Karol Bagh | 4500 |
| 4. Okhla | 550 |
| 5. Narela | 270 |
| 6. Kidwai Bhawan | 2,000 |
| 7. Tis Hazari | 1,000 |
| 8. Idgah | 2,500 |
| 9. Shakti Nagar | 1,000 |
| 10. Janakpuri | 1,000 |
| 11. Nehru Place | 9,000 |
| 12. Hauz Khas | 4,000 |
| 13. Chanakya Puri | 3,000 |
| 14. Chhatarpur | 500 |
| 15. Vasantkunj | 1,000 |
| 16. Shadipur | 500 |
| TOTAL | 31,670 |

**Self-reliance in the field of Telephone Technology**

239. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to become self-reliant in the field of Telephone Technology; and

(b) by when self-reliance is expected to be achieved in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Government has set up Centre for Development of Telematics as an Autonomous Society for indigenous development of telecommunication technology which covers telephone technology. Apart from the Centre for Development of Telematics, other R&D units in the country are also being encouraged in this regard.

(b) All efforts are being made towards achieving self-reliance as early as possible.